

Village of Penn Yan

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Village Hall Main Board Room, 111 Elm Street

Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Present:

Maggie Kessler, Chair
Thomas Barden
Melissa Parsons

Andy Baus
Jamie Kincaid, CEO
Richard Stewart, Trustee

Kevin McCloud, Trustee

Absent:

Shirley Owens

Fran Dumas

Marcia Kneeland

Public: None

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by M. Kessler.

Application Review – Chimney Removal 338 Main Street

M. Kessler described the proposed scope of work in the absence of the property owner. The discussion included how historic guidelines encourage replacement/repair vs. removal, the visibility of the chimneys, chimney alterations on neighboring houses, and expense for historical preservation.

Motion by T. Barden to table the application until the property owner can be present for the discussion and can provide the Commission with documentation of the cost to repair the chimneys seconded by A. Baus and carried all in favor.

Historic Signs

K. McCloud shared his idea of placing “Historic District” signs, possibly on either ends of Main and Clinton Streets (3-4 signs). Maybe find funding sources to help keep the expense down. There are a couple of small, rusty signs in place now, not very noticeable. Kevin offered to put together some samples and come back next month to present.

Budget Review

Motion by T. Barden that the 2022 budgeted amount remain the same for 2023 seconded by A. Baus and carried all in favor.

SHPO Meeting

A remote SHPO educational meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2022 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Maggie will share via email a link to join the meeting. Let her know by Friday, February 11th any subjects that are of interest to you and that you’d like to learn more about from the SHPO representative. T. Barden would like to learn more about metal roofing and the options available, including shingle-style metal.

Board Members

M. Kessler would like to know if the Commissioners, including Alternatives, whose term expire in 2022 are interested in continuing their work on the Board. S. Owens has said yes.

Terms for M. Kneeland, F. Dumas and A. Baus end in 2022. M. Kessler would like to begin advertising for alternates.

Spring Presentation

The proposed Spring Presentation has not been confirmed as the presenter F. Dumas has not been in communication with the Chair and hasn't attended meetings.

Outreach

Discussion was started about trying to discover a positive, pro-active approach to adjust the public perception of the Commission. Ideas include creating a contractor/artisan contact list for sharing, educational classes, open house, house tour, virtual/online house tours, and/or survey owners in the District. R. Stewart noted that the Yates County History Center is working toward offering self-paced tours of Penn Yan.

Motion by T. Barden to adjourn at 6:22 PM seconded by A. Baus and carried all in favor.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2022.

Submitted by Katie Tomlinson